

Summary of Stakeholder Positions from Scoping Meetings

1. Cultural Resources

The cultural resource concerns of the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe are summarized below:

- Protection of cemetery and human remains. The current conditions at the site make this difficult to achieve as saturation, erosion, resultant exposure and dense vegetation throughout the site make monitoring and site stewardship difficult.
- Preventing erosion from multiple sources, as this damages the traditional trail, the village site, the cemetery, and exposes cultural resources on the surface of the site, within the streams, and on the beach.
- Public access to the village site needs to be restricted and discouraged to prevent looting and site damage until a further plan is developed.
- Restoring the traditional trail (Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail) is a primary concern, particularly at the top where it has been blocked and diverted due to the fencing on the side of the Civic Club Lighthouse Memorial. Trail maintenance needs to be part of a management strategy.
- Vegetation management decisions within the TSA should be dictated by what is best for stabilizing and protecting the site and the cultural resources within it. The current condition is not acceptable as it hinders access, provides cover for looters, and retains moisture that contributes to the swampy conditions within the site.
- Respect for and restoration of the cemetery is a primary concern. The area has been subject to decades of neglect by landowners. The cemetery should be protected, managed, and/or accessed only by the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe.
- Adequate consultation by the City on management decisions and activities that impact the cultural resources within the TSA needs to be achieved. In the past, the City, as outlined in Policy 69 of the City's General Plan/Local Coastal Program, has not always followed the established consultation protocol, which required consultation from designated stakeholders. The failure to comply with the consultation protocol has repeatedly resulted in site damage or conflict over management actions taken by the City.
- The cultural resources contained within the TSA have not been properly managed. This has been a recurring and ongoing problem and concerns over mismanagement have increased since the City acquired the ownership of the TSA and assumed the responsibility for management (State Coastal Conservancy 1980;

Tsurai Ancestral Society 1991; Tsurai Ancestral Society 2001; Trinidad City Council 1991; and Trinidad City Council 1995).

- There have been numerous instances where Policy 69 was not properly followed by the City, in spite of repeated and numerous attempts by the Tsurai Ancestral Society. (Tsurai Ancestral Society 2004; Tsurai Ancestral Society 2004a; Tsurai Ancestral Society 2004b; Trinidad City Council 1993; Trinidad City Council 1993a; Yurok Tribe 2004; Trinidad Planning Commission 2001; and Tsurai Ancestral Society 2005). Appropriate management of cultural resources can only occur if the City follows Policy 69 or if a new management strategy is determined. Failure by the City to appropriately manage or adequately consult or notify on proposed projects and management decisions that impact the TSA has resulted in site damage and conflict over management actions taken by the City.
- The Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe consider the TSA to be part of the larger cultural landscape of Tsurai and the Yurok people. This cultural landscape includes sacred areas, such as Trinidad Head and traditional resource use areas within the coastal zone. Cultural resource management concerns are not limited to the TSA but extend throughout Trinidad.
- The Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe have ancestral rights and responsibilities regarding the management of the village site and the burials contained within it. It is due to these rights and responsibilities that the two entities advocate for more control over management decisions that impact the cultural resources within the TSA.
- The Tsurai Ancestral Society has reviewed and approved all of the findings and recommendations contained within the geo-technical study conducted by LACO and Associates (2004) because they feel following these recommendations will help protect and preserve the cultural resources within the TSA.
- The Culture Committee of the Yurok Tribe has reviewed the issues and the management concerns expressed by the Tsurai Ancestral Society and voted unanimously to support and approve the recommendations endorsed by the Tsurai Ancestral Society for the purposes of this Management Plan and recommendations for proper cultural resources management of this important ancestral village (Yurok Tribe Culture Committee 2004).

2. Recreational Resources

Several recreational trails provide beach and coastal access from the City of Trinidad (See Figure 2) The Coastal Conservancy holds a conservation easement over the TSA that includes trails for the purpose of providing beach and coastal access for public use. Trinidad has evolved into a tourism-based economy with a strategy to promote and develop hiking trails, enabling access to scenic views and the beach. Yurok ancestral lands contain a complex traditional trail system that retains cultural and spiritual

significance to Yurok people. One of the trails within the TSA is a Yurok traditional trail. Adjacent property owners have concerns about trail easements, access, and impacts of pedestrian traffic near their properties. The public has an interest in retaining beach access and hiking trails for recreational purposes. A site visit for the purpose of observing trail conditions and aesthetics was conducted by Yurok staff. A trail matrix, organizing various trail information based upon observations from the site visit can be found in Appendix G. This section summarizes the concerns and issues identified through scoping meetings surrounding specific trails within the TSA.

A. Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail (ALMT)

The ALMT is the traditional Yurok trail to the village of Tsurai. The current trail is of cable-tie interlocking step construction and is very steep and of moderate intensity. The trail extends from the bluff down to the village and continues to the beach. The trail is named in memory of Axel Lindgren II, Tsurai lineal descendant and founder of the Tsurai Ancestral Society. Mr. Lindgren was the primary advocate and caretaker of the village site, the cemetery, and the traditional trail for several decades. The Yurok Tribe, with the advice of Mr. Lindgren, rebuilt the trail in 1997. Various stakeholder groups have different opinions about the issues surrounding this trail which are summarized below:

Tsurai Ancestral Society (TAS):

- The access to the top of the traditional trail has been altered by the installation of a fence by the Civic Club's Memorial Lighthouse. This has forced the top of the trail to be moved from its traditional path. The TAS would like to see the traditional path restored. This would include removing recent additions and vegetation. TAS asserts that the changes made to the trail by the Civic Club additions are increasing erosion to the bluff.
- A handrail extending down the entire trail should be installed to help make the trail safer, but also to discourage users from leaving the trail or entering the village site area.
- The second bench on the trail should be moved further down the trail or removed entirely. This bench is located at the level of the village site and is encouraging users to linger there and may encourage them to leave the trail and enter the village site.
- Continual erosion of the lower portion of the cable-step trail is an on-going problem. The last segment extending down the terrace toe is undermined by erosion, which becomes hazardous. This causes people to detour around the steps and off the trail, which creates further erosion. The lower segment of the trail needs to be continually monitored, maintained, and repaired on a regular basis.

City of Trinidad:

- Recommended using vegetation and handrails to discourage trail users from leaving the trail.
- Recommends maintaining both the traditional trail and a separate public access from the parking lot at the Memorial Lighthouse.
- Agrees that continual erosion of the lower portion of the cable-step trail is an on-going problem. Permanent solutions have been proposed but need further study.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Some indicate that the original path of the traditional trail has been well documented.
- The condition of the trail is a concern for safety issues, particularly at the bottom where it washes out every year and creates a hazard.
- Some question whether the cable-step construction was the best type of trail for this terrain. Some noted the cable clamps are rotating which makes the steps uneven.
- Assert that the City is responsible for trail maintenance and liable for hazardous conditions due to lack of maintenance.
- Support the installation of a handrail to make the trail safer for users.
- Recommend the trail be rebuilt in some sections to make it safer for use. Uneven steps, slippery ties, and the steep grade create hazards.
- Suggest considering redirecting the lower portion of the trail to reduce the erosion problem.

Interested Public:

- Feel that the trail needs a handrail.
- Recommend a regular trail maintenance program. The trail is not being maintained and for that reason is hazardous in places.
- Suggest that some of the trail needs to be replaced or rebuilt to make it safer for use.
- Recommend posting signs to warn users of hazards, and to also direct people to stay on it and not detour or leave the trail.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Supports the designation of the ALMT as the primary beach access trail.
- Recommend reviewing the use of this trail to assess future maintenance needs.
- Has taken the position of supporting repairs to this trail on an interim basis while the Management Plan is being prepared. Recognizes the need for a long-term, as opposed to short-term, solution to the erosion problems on the trail.
- Advocate pursuing “natural looking” solutions to resolving trail problems, as opposed to invasive and obtrusive ones. The aesthetic qualities need to be retained. Large concrete constructions may stabilize areas, but may not be consistent with the aesthetic qualities of the area.
- Support the restoration of the traditional trail to its original path, including the area impacted by Civic Club additions to the Memorial Lighthouse. Notes that it holds a public easement over the Civic Club property.

Yurok Tribe:

- Support the recommendations of the Tsurai Ancestral Society. This is a Yurok traditional trail and needs to be considered and managed as such.

B. Bluff Trail (Wagner Street Trail)

The Bluff Trail begins at Wagner Street, heads west on an easement through two privately owned parcels (APN: 042-102-45 and APN: 042-102-30), continues along the bluff edge following the western side of private residences, and merges with Parker Creek Trail before proceeding to Old Home Beach. This trail provides a view from the bluff of both the ocean and the beach, a gradual slope, and easy access to the beach. The trail is primarily used as a recreational trail, due to its aesthetic value, as well as an alternative access to Parker Creek Trail. While the date of construction is unknown, archival maps indicate this was the Old Wagon Trail that led from the beach to the bluff. This trail has been the site of controversy, due to the location of the trail, as well as the possible erosional problems the trail is causing on the bluff and the village site. The trail has been the subject of litigation, but the parties have now entered into settlement agreements that establish a boundary between the trail and adjacent private property; acknowledge the City’s right to maintain a three-foot-wide trail on its property and to maintain permanent vegetation on the bluff edge; prohibit dumping over the bluff; and reinforce the provisions of an earlier settlement agreement designating the ALMT as the primary trail to the beach. Under provisions of the earlier agreement, the Bluff Trail is to be open during daylight hours only, and no dogs are permitted.

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Feel that this trail has the potential to impact the village and cemetery site below. Want the trail to be permanently closed.
- Recommend re-vegetating the trail, particularly on the bluff edge, to help reduce and prevent erosion.
- Recommend the development of alternate trails for beach access, specifically Parker Creek and Groth Lane Trails.
- Understands that the primary management issue is protecting the village site below the trail. Other trails allow for beach access and could be used instead of this trail.

City of Trinidad:

- Agrees with LACO study's determination that foot traffic on the trail has "no practical effect" on bluff stability (2004:18).
- Agrees on the need to identify the sources and impacts of surface runoff.
- Recognizes the need to keep the trail away from the edge of the bluff and to use vegetation to stabilize soils.
- Recognizes the need to educate adjacent landowners not to dispose of landscaping materials over the bluff.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Note that several geo-technical studies have been conducted, some with conflicting opinions.
- Would like to see mitigation measures developed and implemented to slow erosion.
- Note that the trail has eroded significantly over the past 20 years, particularly at the entrance. It used to be over 20 feet wide, now it is only about 9 feet wide.
- Believe that the Coastal Commission ultimately controls any mitigation and actually has standards for trails (i.e. recommended width).

Interested Public:

- This is a very popular trail because of the view and the easy access it provides to the beach.

- Believe that litigation will determine the future management of this trail.
- Recommend keeping the trail as far away from the bluff edge as possible.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Would like to explore ways to maintain the Bluff Trail in order to retain the use of this trail for view and beach access.
- Assert there needs to be compelling evidence that this trail is causing erosion and potential bluff failure in order to justify closing it.
- Note that the view provided by this trail is a unique characteristic that lends to its popularity and desirability.
- Would consider alternate routes to access this trail if it is determined that the current access is vulnerable to erosion.

Yurok Tribe:

- Agrees with the position of the Tsurai Ancestral Society. To reiterate: advocates for interim closures, re-vegetation, and water runoff control, due to the primary concern of protecting the village below.

C. Parker Creek Trail

The Parker Creek Trail begins in the parking lot of Murphy's Market, continues along Parker Creek, and extends to Old Home Beach. This trail is located on the southern portion of the TSA and provides recreational beach access without impacting the village site. This trail follows a gentle grade and provides an easy access to the beach, through a forested environment along Parker Creek.

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Would like to see this trail developed and promoted as a primary beach access trail because it has the least potential impact on the village site.
- Consider this an acceptable alternative to Bluff Trail. Note it does not have impacts on the village site that have been identified with Bluff Trail, namely erosion onto the village due to necessary vegetation removal, abundance of surface groundwater, and to a lesser extent pedestrian use.

City of Trinidad:

- Consider it to be a useful secondary trail for beach access (1994 Stipulation Agreement.)
- Public access/easement issues must be studied and problems resolved to ensure this trails continued accessibility.
- Notes that portions of this trail are outside the TSA.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Note that in the past, property owners along this trail have discouraged use by the public by removing trail signs and posting “Private Property” signs, even though it is a public trail.
- Recommend that this trail be improved and signs directing traffic be installed.
- Consider this trail to be a good beach access trail. It merges with the lower portion of Bluff Trail, which continues to the beach, so it could be an alternative to the Bluff Trail.
- Consider the forested aspects of the trail to be unique, as several other trails provide views of the ocean.
- Note there are no erosion issues associated with Parker Creek Trail.

Interested Public:

- The trail needs signage. Many visitors do not even know this trail exists, and it is easy to take a wrong turn when coming back up from the beach.
- Also note that in the past, property owners along this trail have removed signs and discouraged use, even though it is a designated public access trail.
- This trail provides a gradual and easy walk down to the beach.
- Note that a portion of this trail crosses onto private property. There needs to be an easement in order to keep it open, if one does not currently exist.

Coastal Conservancy:

- The Conservancy supports exploring the establishment of an easement over a route that would connect the town to Parker Creek Trail and serve as an alternate to the Wagner Street Trail.
- Notes that the forested environment of this trail is a unique quality and enhances user experience of the area.

Yurok Tribe:

- Agrees with the position of the Tsurai Ancestral Society. To reiterate: this trail impacts the village site the least.
- Suggest rerouting the Parker Creek Trail entrance away from residential areas by placing the trail wholly within parcel APN 042-111-03, the most northern and eastern parcel within the TSA.

D. Site Access Trails (trails that lead into the Tsurai Village site)

There are three site access trails that lead into the Tsurai village site. Of these, Doctor's Trail (a.k.a. Iverson Trail) enters the village site on the south off of Parker Creek Trail. This trail goes through the Sebring property to the Pepperwood tree within the village. An easement was never officially granted for this trail. Rather, a verbal agreement was made between Dr. Iverson (the previous landowner) and Axel Lindgren II that provided this village access. Both gentlemen have since passed away and the TAS would like to obtain written permission to continue using this access to the village, but do not want it to be used by the public. The TAS would like to seek a formal agreement with the current property owner of APN: 042-131-07, the Sebrings. The second trail is the Pepperwood Creek Beach Trail, which goes from the beach up into village site from the south and along the west side of the mouth of Parker Creek. A third trail accesses the village from the ALMT.

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Identify Doctor's Trail as their preferred trail to access the village and cemetery.
- Do not want Doctor's Trail to be promoted as a public trail, but for TAS and Yurok use as needed to care for the site and cemetery.
- Prefer that all other trails that access the village site be closed.
- Would like to develop a formal agreement with the current property owner for site access via this trail. Since it passes through private property, it requires permission. A verbal agreement had been in place with the previous owner (Dr. Iverson), but never was formalized.
- Groth Lane is the only vehicle access near the area. This is sometimes needed for accessing the site for TAS activities (reburials from repatriations, law enforcement purposes, etc.). Groth Lane is the vehicle access to the Sebring Property.
- Would like to use vegetation and hand railing to discourage the use of other foot trails into the village site.

City of Trinidad:

- Will take the lead from TAS and the Yurok Tribe on which are the designated site access trails.
- Note that Groth Lane is needed to access the site for law enforcement, water sampling, etc.
- Believe Groth Lane should be considered as another designated beach access route.
- Aware that an easement or formal agreement is needed to use Groth or Doctor's Trails to access the site, since they both pass through private property and require permission from the current property owner.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Note that the current owner has installed a locked gate, so not only does it require permission, but also a key to access.

Interested Public:

- Note key and permission to access issue.

Coastal Conservancy:

- No current easements for these site access trails since they do not access the beach. (this would be inappropriate as it involves a separate agreement b/n the TAS and private property owner). Would support the entities involved (TAS, the Yurok Tribe, and private property owners) in entering into use agreements or easements.
- Discourages identifying these trails with signs as it may encourage inappropriate public access to the village site.

Yurok Tribe:

- Would like to negotiate access agreement with the current property owners.

3. Natural Resources

A. Vegetation

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Assert that vegetation management decisions need to be based upon what is best for or needed to protect the village site. Understands that views are important to property owners on the bluff, but do not think this should be the primary factor in vegetation management decisions within the TSA.
- Would like to see the area restored. Invasive and non-native species removed and native plants encouraged.
- Would like to selectively remove vegetation and replant with grass within the village site and cemetery. Suggest that the dense vegetation provides cover for looters, in addition, is helping retain moisture and contributing to the swampy nature of the site, which is not how it used to be.
- Would like to see traditional use plants re-introduced.
- Residents of Trinidad have been using the bluff and slope to dump lawn clippings from their properties. This should be stopped as it traps moisture on the bluff and leads to the spread of invasive species within the TSA.
- Feel the TSA should be excluded or exempt with conditions from the City's Vegetation Management Ordinance.
- TAS has been asking the City to manage the vegetation on the village and cemetery site since it acquired the land in 1989.

City of Trinidad:

- Is developing a 'Vegetation Protection Overlay Zone'. The TSA is excluded from the proposed zone.
- Contacted the Trinidad Civic Club about landscaping materials and since 2001 the Civic Club agreed to remove clippings from the Memorial Lighthouse grounds.
- Would like to enhance views from the bluff, but not if it compounds erosion problems on the TSA.
- Aware that no previous biological assessments have been conducted within the TSA and acknowledge that such a review would be needed before implementing any vegetation management plan to ensure it complies with CESA and CEQA.
- Believe that the TAS and Yurok Tribe should determine how to manage the vegetation on the village and cemetery areas and see the role of the City as one of helping implement those decisions.

Adjacent Landowners:

- Vegetation management should be considered as a way to help stabilize the bluff and reduce erosion.
- Many owners are willing to remove invasive species and re-plant with native species.
- Would like a protocol for how to manage vegetation on their properties.
- Feel views are important to their own properties. Many would like views or enhanced views, which would require trimming or topping trees.

Interested Public:

- Some would like to open up views from the bluff so they can see Trinidad Bay, the ocean, and peninsula. Scenic views are important to many.
- Selective thinning, topping, and removal of trees on the bluff and upper slope would enhance views, and could prevent trees from falling over and uprooting soil.
- Different vegetation types require different management techniques and should be addressed in the City's Vegetation Management Ordinance.
- Many support removing non-native, invasive species and re-introducing native species.
- A qualified arborist should be used to make specific recommendations on vegetation management.
- Vegetation is part of the natural resources of the area. Since resource protection is a goal of the Management Plan, it should reflect this.
- Some trees within the TSA are historic and are documented in the historic record, others have cultural and ceremonial value and should be protected.
- The natural and unique vegetation within the TSA should be enhanced and interpreted for visitors to enhance visitor experience of the area.
- Understand that vegetation management decisions within the village and cemetery area should reflect cultural resource protection goals.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Agreed to apply for permits to revegetate bluff adjacent to Wagner St. Trail in a manner that does not impede trail use or promote bluff erosion, and to cooperate with others in funding and implementing revegetation, as part of settlement agreement with TAS in *Frame v. City of Trinidad*, Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. DR 98 0359.
- Would like the TMP to identify and clarify what is appropriate vegetation management for the village and cemetery.
- The TMP should identify a process if it recommends any specific vegetation management for the TSA.
- Resource protection goals for the TSA should take precedence over applications of the City's Vegetation Management Ordinance in cases of conflict.
- Natural resource protection is part of the Coastal Conservancy mandate.

Yurok Tribe:

- Agrees with the position of the Tsurai Ancestral Society. To reiterate: remove and replace invasive non-native with native plants, clear out the village center, and replant with grass, and avoid dumping lawn clippings down the bluff.
- Issues of viewshed should be considered from both the beach and the bluff. While it may be desirable to have unfettered views from the bluff looking out over the ocean and down to the beach, people on the beach looking up may not want to see City development.

B. Water Resources

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Water quality issues, specifically seepage from failing septic systems within the City are a serious concern for TAS. The bluff and site below have been saturated with sewage-contaminated water. Fecal choliform has been detected in streams that exit the TSA and flow onto the beach. The site is swampy and smells like a sewer. TAS has been asking the City to resolve this issue for decades.
- LACO reported (2004:13-14) that none of the three samples tested were over the North Coast Basin Plan water quality limits, although the tests did not establish exactly what the choliform levels were in two of the samples. There are no test results submitted that support the statement "high levels of fecal choliform."
- Other runoff issues from the City need to be corrected as inadequate drainage for runoff is visibly discharging runoff onto the bluff, further compounding the saturation problems and accelerating erosion.

- The streams that flow through the TSA have not been kept clear of debris. This was done traditionally and was also done by Axel Lindgren II when he was caring for the site. Since 1989, the City has not maintained the streams, which have now been obstructed by debris. This is causing them to divert and in some cases, flow directly onto the village site. TAS would like to see these streams maintained to prevent this problem from continuing.
- TAS would like the City to acknowledge that the failed septic problem and the lack of an adequate runoff discharge system have a detrimental effect on the village site.

City of Trinidad:

- The City is aware that there is a water quality problem that has been detected in the streams that pass through the TSA and flow into the Bay. They have received a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board and the Environmental Protection Agency to monitor discharge and determine if there are failing septic systems in the City, to upgrade older systems, and to develop a program of regular maintenance to ensure good water quality. This study is currently in progress.
- Believes that they data show significant improvement in the quality of water runoff in recent decades.
- City has been selected as a pilot project in the Critical Coastal Area and Areas of Special Biological Significance programs.
- Specifically included the TSA in the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems monitoring plan.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Express concerns about water quality problems from failing septic systems.
- Suggest designing and engineering solutions be explored to help mitigate and resolve the problem of failing septic systems.
- Recommend promoting low-flow systems within the City to reduce discharge and gray water.

Interested Public:

- Some are aware that the problem of failing septic systems was identified several years ago and are concerned that it has not been resolved.
- Some point out that there has been very limited testing over time, but what has been done suggests the septic problem is not as bad as it was 20 years ago.
- Contamination of water in streams, flowing onto beaches, and into the protected Bay is a public health issue that many are concerned about and want to see resolved.

Coastal Conservancy:

- The Coastal Conservancy is very concerned about bluff saturation caused by runoff and potentially faulty septic systems within the City.
- Contamination of the streams that flow through the TSA and into the Bay are a grave concern for the Coastal Conservancy because it is impacting a valuable coastal resource.

Yurok Tribe:

- The City's fecal discharge into the Yurok village site is abhorrent.

4. Interpretation and Restoration

A. Signage

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Would like to see "Indian Beach" signage replaced with "Old Home Beach".
- Would like to see a commemorative plaque installed on the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail.
- Supports installing interpretive signage to educate the public on Tsurai Village and Yurok culture.
- Interpretive information on Tsurai and Yurok culture should be prepared and approved by the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe.

City of Trinidad:

- Would defer to the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe on interpretive information to be included in signage.

- Would like signs to both interpret the area and identify trails within the area, including TSA.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Believe the use of both directional and interpretive signs is a good idea.

Interested Public:

- Recommend creating interpretive signs not just for the village, but also for the coastal and natural resources unique to the area and within the TSA.
- Trails should be well marked to direct traffic to and from the beach.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Supports the use of signs to direct people to acceptable areas and to the beach.
- Notes that settlement agreements (1994 and 2005) require signage designating ALMT as primary beach access and other trails as secondary access
- Would like to see more signage for the Parker Creek Trail in both directions.

Yurok Tribe:

- Finds Native American interpretation to be one way to educate people and counter racism.

C. Village Site Restoration

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Supports the idea of site restoration, but notes that the primary concern is site stabilization and protection.
- Would consider restoration of the village similar to what has been done at Sumeg, in Patrick's Point State Park.
- Would like to see the Brush Dance restored someday.

City of Trinidad:

- Supports the idea of site restoration and feels it is ultimately up to the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe to determine what is appropriate.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- No specific comments provided on this issue.

Interested Public:

- Support the restoration of the village site if decided by the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe.
- Many would like to learn more about Tsurai and Yurok culture.
- Many would like to see the Brush Dance restored to the village.
- Many see the educational potential of restoring the village.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Supports environmental restoration of the entire TSA including the removal of invasive species, re-introduction of native and culturally significant species, as well as cultural resources.
- Recognizes that some restoration efforts would be for Tsurai Ancestral Society and Yurok Tribe cultural needs, not necessarily for the public.

Yurok Tribe:

- Agrees with the Tsurai Ancestral Society.

D. Visitation/Access

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Want the burial grounds to be respected as a cemetery as opposed to promoting recreational use in this area. Do not feel that access or visitation by the public should be encouraged.
- Would like to have controlled and limited access to the village site if restored. Would consider interpretive tours.
- Fencing the cemetery and sensitive areas of the site would discourage public access.
- Would like the City to notify TAS in advance if access to the site is needed.
- Prefer that site access trails be re-vegetated and the handrail installed on the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail to discourage site access by the public.

City of Trinidad:

- Would like a defined protocol on who to contact when site access is needed.
- Note that site access for vehicles may be needed for law enforcement purposes.

None of the other stakeholder groups provided comment on site access issues.

5. Other Management Issues and Concerns

Tsurai Ancestral Society:

- Asserts that the City has not followed the consultation protocol under Policy 69 of the City's Local Coastal Plan in the past. Would like to see Policy 69 updated to include consultation with the Yurok Tribe.
- Would like the findings of a recent geo-technical study (from LACO) for the TSA be included in the Management Plan and recommendations.
- Does not feel the City has demonstrated good stewardship of the village since 1989 and would like to see the TSA transferred to the Yurok Tribe.

City of Trinidad:

- Want a cooperative shared relationship between all parties in implementing the recommendations of the management plan.
- Propose ownership of the village site by the TAS or Yurok Tribe.
- Confident that the City can continue to maintain public access while the Yurok Tribe and TAS manage cultural resources.

Adjacent Property Owners:

- No additional concerns identified.

Interested Public:

- Consider the TSA as culturally and environmentally significant resource and an important part of local history.
- Recommend establishing a cultural week in order to educate local residents and the public about Tsurai and Yurok history and culture.
- Some see the future management of the TSA as a potential for collaboration, education, and reconciliation for the entire community.

- A member of the City Council proposed a tri-government management team (State, Tribal and City) to regularly meet on management of the TSA.
- Public health and safety are primary concerns for the TSA, whether it is trail conditions, solid waste, or water quality.
- Restoring the cultural and natural resources within the TSA benefits everyone.

Coastal Conservancy:

- Feels that the concern about costs is valid, but should not limit what is considered for the Management Plan or future management of the TSA.
- Is committed to the protection of recreational, cultural, and natural resources within the TSA and providing safe public access to the beach and coastal areas.
- All environmental issues should be examined and resolved where feasible.
- Property should be managed to protect recreational, cultural and natural resources and to resolve conflicts between these objectives regardless of ownership. Believes that discussions about future ownership are valid nonetheless and should be considered in the Management Plan.

Yurok Tribe:

- Agrees with the Tsurai Ancestral Society. Advocates for the transfer of the TSA to the Yurok Tribe for proper management and restoration.